Appointment to widows on compassionate ground in PNB

4256. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of applications for employment on compasionate ground from the widows whose husbands died in harness that have been received by the Head Office of Punjab National Bank at New Delhi during the past one year;

(b) whether it is a fact that no action has yet been taken on these applications;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the PNB has not yet settled the last dues of these employees who died in harness nor have these been made to their widows; and

(d) if so, the facts and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): The position as reported by Punjab National Bank is as under:—

(1)	(2)	(3)
(a) and (b) :		
No. of cases received *from* 1-7-91 to 30-6-92		131
No. of cases decided		129
No. of cases involving relaxation and referred to Ministry for their permission		3
No. of cases under correspondence for want of certain information		8
TOTAL		131

Thus necessary action have been taken in all the cases received by the bank for providing employment on compassionate grounds.

(c) and (d) It is not correct that PNB has not yet settled the last dues of the deceased employees. However, there have been some delays in settlement if dues owing to the following reasons:

1. Non availability of nomination/confirmation of legal heirs/succession certificate.

2. Non-availability of apprehended loss caused to the bank in the case of employees ,who were allegedly involved in fradulent activities and the departmental action could not be completed due to their sudden death.

Appointment of Sweepers in Banks

4257. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services of Sweepers in Banks are of consolidated/part-time nature in maximum cases and if so, whether it is feasible to absorb them on full time basis deploying additional job:

(b) whether the posts carrying Special Allowances in Subordinate and Clerical cadre are held in a substantive capacity and if so, whether these are treated as promotional posts and reservation for SCs/STs is provided thereto; and

(c) If so, what are the details of such posts and representation of SCs/STs therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The banks employ sweepers on full-time and part-time/consolidated wages depending upon the floor area of premises occupied by their offices and the time taken for sweeping the same, etc. The sweepers appointed on part-time/consolidated wagesc are considered for appointment on full-time basis as and when vacancies occur in the grade of full-time sweepers and messengers. Appointment of all part-time sweepers on full time basis is not considered economically viable and administratively feasible.

(b) and (c) The persons appointed against the posts carrying special allowances in subordinate and clerical cadre generally hold these posts till they remain in the respective cadres or at the place of appointment or untill availability of such posts at the particular places, whichever is earlier. Since the posts carrying special allowances are within the cadre subordinate or clerical, as the case may be, appointments to these posts are generally made from amongst the senior most employees within the cadre on transfer basis and these appointments are not treated as promotional posts. As per the existing instructions of the Government, there are no reservations for SCs and STs in the appointments made by transfer/deputation basis. In terms of the V Bipartite Settlement, the special allowance carrying posts were, inter-alia, as per the Statement. (See below). Information regarding representations of SC/ST in such posts is not maintained as there is no reservation for them in such posts.

Statement

Special Allowances for Clerical Staff

1. Telephone Operator
2. Relieving Telephone Operator
3. Audit Clerk—Category 'A'
   Category 'B'
4. Comptist
5. Telex Operator
6. Teller
7. Punch Card Operator/Data Entry Operator
8. Accounting Machine Operator
9. IBM/ICT Machine Operator
10. Stenographer
11. Head Clerk
12. Assistant Head Cashier—
    Units of 5 clerks and above
    Units of 4 clerks and below
13. Cashier—in—charge of cash in Pay Office or Branch
14. Head Cashier — Category 'A'
    Units of 5 clerks and above
    Units of 4 clerks and below
15. Head Cashier — Category 'B'
    Units of 5 clerks and above
    Units of 4 clerks and below
16. Head Cashier — Category 'C'
17. Head Cashier — Category 'D'
18. Head Cashier — Category 'E'
19. Special Assistant
20. Agricuiltural Assistant

Special Allowances For Subordinate Staff

1. Cyclostyle Machine Operator
2. Liftman
3. Relieving Liftman
4. Cash Peon
5. Watchman/Watchman-cum-peon
6. Armed Guard
7. Bill Collector

8. Daftary
9. Head Peon
10. Air Conditioning Plant Helpar
11. Electrician
12. Driver
13. Head Messenger in Indian Overseas Bank

Irregularities in loans sanctioned under self-employment scheme in Jodhpur

4258. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
DR. BALDEV PRAKASH:
SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI:
SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of irregularities and corruption in the matter of sanctioning of loan under the self-employment scheme in 1986 by the United Bank of India, Sardarpura Branch, Jodhpur;

(b) whether instances have been brought to the notice of Government where several members of the same family had been sanctioned loans and to several persons only Rs. 2500/- were paid to out of a loan of Rs. 5000/-;

(c) whether the matter has been enquired, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken against the guilty officers and also for the recovery of the loan sanctioned against the rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) United Bank of India has reported that the complaint in the matter of loans sanctioned and disbursed under IRDP and 20 Point Programme by their Sardarpura Branch, Jodhpur was investigated in the year 1987 and the Bank found irregularities in regard to non-observance of rules and norms. The investigation made by bank revealed that the loans had been sanctioned to the borrowers belonging to the same family. Upon the findings of the investigation, the branch manager who was found to have committed irregularities by non-observance of prescribed rules was placed under suspension in December, 1987 and proceeded against departmentally. A major penalty of lowering of five stages in the time-scale was inflicted on the officer by the bank on the basis of findings of the departmental enquiry. The bank has separately initiated steps to recover their loans, which include filing of suits and institution of certificate proceedings.

Request for Income tax-exemption to Public Assistance Institute, Goa

4259. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a request from Public Assistance Institute of Goa Government to exempt this Charitable Institution from income tax, as granted in the past;

(b) if so, what is the tax amount demanded from this institution by I.T. Department; and

(c) what is Government's response to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Exemption has been granted under section 10 (23C) (iv) of the Income-tax Act upto Assessment Year 1987-88. No request is pending for exemption for the later assessment years.

(b) and (c) Since exemption under section 10(23C) (iv) has been granted by the Central Government upto Assessment Year 1987-88, the ques-